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Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

1. At its substantive session of 1995, the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1995/32, inter alia:

(a) Authorized the establishment of an open-ended inter-sessional working group of the Commission on Human Rights with the sole purpose of elaborating a draft declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples, and authorized the Working Group to meet for 10 working days at the earliest possible date in 1995;

(b) Invited applications from organizations of indigenous people not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that would be interested in participating in the Working Group;

(c) Requested the Coordinator of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People to forward all applications and information received to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;

(d) Requested the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to meet as necessary to examine the applications and to recommend to the Economic and Social Council those organizations of indigenous people that should be authorized to participate in the Working Group, including at its first session in 1995.

2. At its 580th meeting, on 18 October 1995, the Committee considered a number of applications from organizations of indigenous people that were interested in participating in the Working Group.

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3. Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Ireland, Greece, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Sudan, Chile, Indonesia, China, India and the United States of America.

4. Statements were also made by the observers for Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Peru.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that the Economic and Social Council authorize 46 organizations of indigenous people not in consultative status with the Council to participate in the Working Group.

MATTERS CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

6. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

Applications for participation in the open-ended inter-sessional Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples from organizations of indigenous people not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides to approve the participation of the following organizations of indigenous people not in consultative status with the Council in the open-ended inter-sessional Working Group whose establishment was authorized by the Council in resolution 1995/32:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner (Australia)

Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (Inc.) (Australia)

American Indian Law Alliance (United States)

Aotearoa Community Workers Association Inc. (New Zealand)

Asociación Civil Tea-Amora Runa (Peru)

Asociación Gremial Mapuche Rewe de Lautaro (Chile)

Asociación Interétnica de Desarrollo de la Selva Peruana (Chile)

Aukiñ Wallmapu Ngulam-Consejo de Todas las Tierras (Chile)

Black Hills Teton Sioux Nation (United States)

Central Land Council (Australia)

Comisión Juridica de los Pueblos de Integración Tawantinsuyana (COJPITA) (Peru)

Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos (CAPAJ) (Peru)

Comunidad Mapuche Maicolpi de San Juan de la Costa (Chile)

Confederación Regional de Comunidades Mapuche (Chile)

Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations (Canada)

Consejo Inter-Regional Mapuche (Chile)

Coordinadora Nacional Indianista (Chile)

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (Australia)

Educational and Cultural Organization to Advance Restoration and Transition (United States)

Ermineskin Cree Nation (United States)

Federación de Centros de Servicios Comunitarios de Maquehue (Chile)

IINA Torres Strait Islanders Corporation (Australia)

Ikce Wicasa Ta Omniciye (United States)

Independent Nation State of Hawai'i (United States)

Indigenous Women Aboriginal Corporation (Australia)

International Confederation of Autonomous Chapters of the American Indian Movement (United States)

Inuit Taparistat of Canada (Canada)

Kimberley Land Council (Australia)

Louis Bull Cree Nation (Canada)

Lummi Indian Business Council (United States)

Metis National Council (Canada)

Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs (Canada)

Montana Cree Nation (Canada)

National Committee to Defend Black Rights (Australia)

Ngaati Te Ata (New Zealand)

Ngai Tahu Maori Law Centre (New Zealand)

Ngaiterangi Iwi Incorporated Society (New Zealand)

Northern Land Council (Australia)

Oneida Indian Nation (United States)

Samenes Landsforbund/Sami National Association (Norway)

Te Amorangi Maori Women's Support Group (New Zealand)

Te Kawau Maro (New Zealand)

Te Ropu Wahini Maori Toko i Te Ora Inc. (New Zealand)

The Catawba Indian Nation (United States)

The Hopi Tribe/The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office (United States)

Wellington Maori Legal Services Inc. (New Zealand)